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| COUNTRY         | East Germany        | SECURITY INFORMATION                 | REPORT          |
| TOPIC           | Soviet Troop Trains |                                      |                 |
| EVALUATION      |                     | PLACE OBTAINED                       |                 |
| DATE OF CONTENT |                     |                                      | 50X1-HUM        |
| DATE OBTAINED   |                     | DATE PREPARED                        | 14 October 1953 |
| REFERENCES      |                     |                                      |                 |
| PAGES           | 6                   | ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)              |                 |
| REMARKS         |                     |                                      |                 |
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CB - Converted boxcar  
B - Boxcar  
F - Flatcar  
SSy - Heavy-duty flatcar  
RRym - " " "

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1. Troop trains [redacted] between 19 and 24 September 1953  
included: [redacted]

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| Date in September | Composition of Troop Trains | From        | To                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 19                | 11 CB, 33 SSy               | Altengrabow | Erfurt railroad district |
| 21                | 8 CB, 5 B, 22 F             | Neubukow    | Halle railroad district  |
| 22                | 7 CB, 6 B, 14 F, 10 RRym    | Kroepelin   | Dessau                   |
|                   | 9 CB, 7 B, 22 F, 9 RRym     | Neubukow    | "                        |
|                   | 3 CB, 8 B, 7 F, 8 RRym      | Dranse      | Jerichow                 |
|                   | 7 CB, 8 B, 43 F             | Neubukow    | Klotzsche                |
| 23                | 14 B, 24 F                  | Satzkorn    | Gardelegen               |
|                   | 2 CB, 15 F                  | Aken        | Jerichow                 |
| 24                | 10 CB, 27 F, 5 RRym         | Schwerin    | Genthin                  |

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| 24 | 6 CB, 2 B, 38 F, 5 RRym | Hagenow   | Jerichow   |
|    | 3 B, 13 F               | Neuruppin | Gardelegen |
|    | 6 CB, 6 B, 31 F, 5 RRym | Neubukow  | Klotzsche  |
|    |                         | Schwerin  | Genthin    |
|    | 6 CB, 36 F              | Guestrow  | Jerichow   |

2. The following troop trains passed through Rathenow between 23 and 27 September

| <u>Date in</u><br><u>September</u> | <u>Composition of</u><br><u>Troop Trains</u> | <u>Tons</u> | <u>From</u>             | <u>To</u>   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 23                                 | 14 B, 29 F                                   | 832         | Satzkorn                | Gardelegen  |
| 24                                 | 3 B, 13 F                                    | 286         | Neuruppin               | "           |
| 25                                 | 44 B, 26 F,                                  | 1,125       | Zehdenick               | "           |
|                                    | 9 B, 22 F                                    |             | Fuerstenwalde           | "           |
|                                    | 11 B, 25 F                                   | 665         | Forst Zinna             | "           |
|                                    | 11 B, 49 F                                   | 1,028       | Jueterbog               | "           |
| 25                                 | 2 B, 41 F                                    | 796         | Satzkorn                | Wolmirstedt |
| 26                                 |                                              |             | "                       | Letzingen   |
|                                    | 15 B, 27 F                                   | 1,128       | "                       | "           |
|                                    | 3 B, 19 F                                    | 532         | "                       | "           |
| 25                                 | 15 B, 34 F                                   | 766         | Wismar                  | Wudicke     |
| 26                                 | 11 B, 24 F                                   | 608         | "                       | "           |
|                                    | 1 B, 12 F                                    | 297         | direction of<br>Stendal | Satzkorn    |
| 27                                 | 13 B, 28 F                                   | 727         | Wismar                  | Wudicke     |

3. The following troop trains were identified between 8 and 27 September:

|   |             |     |              |                    |
|---|-------------|-----|--------------|--------------------|
| 8 | 10 CB, 45 F | 980 | Kyritz       | Brueckfeld         |
|   | 8 CB, 47 F  | 850 | Gloewen      | Berlin<br>district |
|   | 10 CB, 45 F | 952 | Bad Wilsnack | Brueckfeld         |
|   | 4 CB, 27 F  | 716 | Breddin      | Jueterbog          |

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| 8  | 6 CB, 2 B, 34 F  | 712   | Bad Milsnack | Brueckfeld                  |
|    | 9 CB, 48 F       | 978   | Kyritz       | "                           |
|    | 12 CB, 45 F      | 884   | Gloewen      | Jueterbog                   |
| 9  | 9 CB, 2 B, 47 F  | 920   | "            | Berlin<br>railroad district |
| 10 | 9 CB, 6 B, 38 F  | 705   | Neubukow     | Velten                      |
|    | 5 CB, 2 B, 22 F  | 493   | Kroepelin    | "                           |
| 12 | 10 CB, 7 B, 41 F | 826   | "            | Burg                        |
|    | 11 CB, 4 B, 45 F | 1,030 | Bad Doberan  | Angermuende                 |
|    | 8 CB, 2 B, 23 F  | 866   | Neubukow     | Burg                        |
|    | 11 CB, 3 B, 42 F | 902   | Kroepelin    | "                           |
|    | 4 CB, 7 B, 28 F  | 236   | Neubukow     | Tangermuende                |
| 18 | 8 CB, 7 B, 43 F  |       | Bad Doberan  | Eberswalde                  |
|    | 11 CB, 4 B, 48 F | 712   | Kroepelin    | Eberswalde                  |
|    | 9 CB, 9 B, 36 F  | 915   | Neubukow     | "                           |
|    | 8 CB, 7 B, 32 F  | 872   | Neubukow     | Berlin railroad<br>district |
|    | 8 CB, 5 B, 35 F  | 892   | Kroepelin    | "                           |
|    | 13 CB, 4 B, 13 F | 987   | Bad Doberan  | "                           |
| 24 | 10 CB, 1 B, 34 F | 776   | Schwerin     | Genthin                     |
|    | 6 CB, 2 B, 46 F  | 964   | Hagenow      | Jerichow                    |
|    | 6 CB, 6 B, 34 F  | 879   | Neubukow     | Klotzsche                   |
| 25 | 15 CB, 34 F      | 766   | Wismar       | Gross-Wudicke               |
|    | 11 CB, 24 F      | 806   | "            | "                           |
|    | 3 B, 11 F        | 720   | Dranse       | Schwerin                    |
|    | 9 CB, 35 F       | 705   | Schwerin     | Genthin                     |
|    | 6 CB, 31 F       | 590   | "            | Gross-Wudicke               |
|    | 8 CB, 43 F       | 385   | Techentin    | Jerichow                    |
|    | 11 CB, 2 B, 30 F | 1,075 | Schwerin     | Genthin                     |
|    | 12 CB, 29 F      | 832   | Wismar       | Gross-Wudicke               |

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| 26 | 6 CB, 10 F, 6 RRym      | 437   | Schwerin | Jerichow      |
|    | 11 CB, 24 F<br>6 RRym   | 833   | "        | "             |
|    | 1 CB, 2 F, 4 RRym       | 212   | Dranse   | Parchim       |
|    | 10 CB, 2 B, 38 F        | 902   | Wismar   | Gross-Wudicke |
|    | 8 CB, 1 B, 29 F         | 703   | "        | "             |
|    | 9 CB, 24 F, 10 RRym     | 1,222 | Schwerin | Jerichow      |
|    | 15 CB, 33 F, 3 RRym     | 878   | Hagenow  | Genthin       |
| 27 | 17 CB, 43 F             | 1,152 | "        | "             |
|    | 4 CB, 19 F, 10 RRym     | 1,028 | Schwerin | Jerichow      |
|    | 16 CB, 20 F,<br>13 RRym | 1,182 | "        | Genthin       |
|    | 19 CB, 29 F             | 887   | "        | "             |
|    | 10 B, 31 F              | 706   | Hagenow  | Genthin       |
|    | 10 CB, 42 F             | 892   | "        | "             |
|    | 9 CB, 9 B, 28 F         | 798   | "        | "             |

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Comment. The above observations by three sources confirm and supplement the departure of units from Altengrabow; the departure of units loaded at the Kroepelin and Neubukow railroad stations from the Wustrow AAA Range; the departure of units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps from the Hagenow, Schwerin, Wismar, Dranse, Guesstrow and Ludwigslust-Techentin railroad stations; and the movement of troops from Aken to Jerichow. Also confirmed were departures from Satzkorn, Neuruppin, Zehdenick, Fuerstenwalde, Forst Zinna and Justerbog to the Letzing Heath area; and the departure of units from the Kyritz, Gloewen, Bad Wilsnack and Breddin railroad stations to Magdeburg and Justerbog after termination of the command-post exercise.

Some of the troop trains [ ] are reported for the first time; some of these trains, compared with previous information, were slightly different regarding the loading and unloading stations [ ]

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The following is a compilation of two rail movements based on observations available:

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a. Departures from the Mustraw AAA Range on and after 10 September 1953 included:

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| <u>Date in</u><br><u>September</u> | <u>Number of</u><br><u>Troop Trains</u> | <u>Units</u>                                                                                    | <u>Receiving</u><br><u>Station</u> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 10                                 | 2                                       | contingents of<br>the 31st AAA Div                                                              | Velten                             |
| 12                                 | 1                                       | possibly a component,<br>of the 3rd Gds AAA<br>Div or an AAA unit of the<br>207th Mts Rifle Div | Tangermuende                       |
|                                    | 1                                       | probably contingents<br>of the 63rd AAA Div                                                     | Angermuende                        |
| 13                                 | 3                                       | elements of the<br>unidentified AAA Regt<br>of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps                        | Purg                               |
| 14                                 | 2                                       | contingents of<br>the 13th AAA Div                                                              | Weimar                             |
| 20                                 | 1                                       | contingents of<br>the 13th AAA Div                                                              | Weimar                             |
| 14                                 | 1                                       | contingents of<br>the 4th Gds AAA Div                                                           | Dresden<br>railroad district       |
| 23                                 | 1                                       | contingents of<br>the 4th Gds AAA Div                                                           | Klotzsche                          |
|                                    | 2                                       | contingents of<br>the 4th Gds AAA Div                                                           | Klotzsche                          |
| 18                                 | 2                                       | contingents of<br>the 63rd AAA Div                                                              | Eberswalde<br>Eitz                 |
| 20                                 | 1                                       | contingents of<br>the 6th Gds AAA Div                                                           | Chemnitz<br>area                   |
| 22                                 | 2                                       | contingents of<br>the 6th Gds AAA Div                                                           | Chemnitz area                      |
| 19                                 | 2                                       | contingents of<br>the 2nd Gds AAA Div                                                           | Muensdorf                          |
| 17 to<br>19                        | 2 or<br>3                               | contingents of<br>the 32nd Gds AAA Div                                                          | Frankfurt/Oder                     |
| 22                                 | 2                                       | contingents of<br>the 62nd AAA Div                                                              | Dessau                             |

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The troop trains marked \* possibly were not dispatched.

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- b. Troop trains of units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps between 24 and 27 September 1953 included:

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| <u>Number of<br/>Troop Trains</u> | <u>Dispatching<br/>Station</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5                                 | Wismar                         |
| 12                                | Schwerin                       |
| 6                                 | Hagenow                        |
| 1                                 | Ludwigslust-<br>Techentin      |
| 1                                 | Guestrow                       |
| 1                                 | Dranse                         |
| 1                                 | Aken                           |

All these trains were unloaded at the Wudicke, Jerichow and Genthin railroad stations. The troops participated in major field exercises of the Third Shock Army which extended from east to west via the Elbe River and terminated on the western bank of the Elbe River on about 1 October 1953.

It cannot definitely be interpreted whether the troop trains from Satz Korn, Neuruppin, Zehdenick, Fuerstenwalde and the Justerbog area reported in paragraph 2 of the present report were also operated in conjunction with the above field exercises of the Third Shock Army.

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